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Housed in a former bank in the hip Karaköy district, The Bank Hotel
Istanbul sets a stately scene for contemporary art and design.

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Fims
47 Rooms
Interior:
Styl Trampoli AB

The Hide Hotel Fims

The Hide Hotel is a hidden gem among the crystal-geode stones that help make this region in the Swiss Alps a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Set in Fims, The Hide is home to gastronomic diversity, wellness, and dramatic scenery featuring 235 kilometers of pistes, crystal-clear lakes, and the "Swiss Grand Canyon." Inside, the lobby is defined by a fireplace, lounge, bar, and library; the rooms are brilliantly conceived by Norwegian artist Erik Nissen Johansen; and four boutique cinemas, ski and bike hire, and a ski school round out the scene.



Laax
246 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Domerig & Domerig
Architekten

Rocksresort

Situated adjacent to the base station in Laax, Switzerland, Rocksresort takes its name and identity from the surrounding landscape. Finished in rough-hewn stone, the cubic exterior of this hotel complex succeeds at blending in with its environment, while also standing as a bold design statement. The resort's buildings house holiday apartments, shops, restaurants, and bars set around a central square. Natural materials from the local region are used throughout to create a warm and inviting atmosphere, and light colors create a pleasant contrast.



Miselo
15 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Rolf Balmer Raumforum
Balmer + Kriegl,
Francesca Alder-
Schweizer (Rohr Design)

Giardino Lago

The designers of Giardino Lago, a 15-room retreat on the northern shore of Lake Maggiore, have taken inspiration from the region's Mediterranean climate—blessed with 2,300 hours of brilliant sunshine a year—to create a hideaway that's both calming and enriching. Whether visitors are dining al fresco by the lake or taking in the views from the 400-square-meter roof lounge, they'll benefit from first-class service and an exclusive range of facilities.



St. Moritz
77 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Hnzer Architektur AG,
Francesca Alder-
Schweizer
(Rohr Design),
Gaby Buchhuber-
Gessinger
(Buchhuber-Gessinger)

Giardino Mountain

Daniela and Philippe Frutiger have created a fusion of modern and traditional comfort throughout the seven Engadine buildings that comprise Giardino Mountain on the outskirts of St. Moritz. Indulge in tailored Ayurveda treatments, saunas, and an indoor swim at Dipù Spa. After an invigorating day in the mountains, savor a meal at the two-Michelin-star restaurant Ecco St. Moritz, or at Hide & Seek for more casual dining. If you're looking for a more rustic dining experience, then Stüva is the place for you.



St. Moritz
70 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Hans Hirschi AG,
Sticker Architekten,
Putz

Nira Alpina

With access to the Corvatsch cable cars and an enviable location just five kilometers south of St. Moritz, Nira Alpina is the perfect base for travelers to explore the rugged natural beauty of Switzerland's captivating Alps. Here, you will discover exciting fresh food and 70 rooms and suites where local materials have been combined with stretches of glass to let the outside world shine in. Shanti Spa by Pure Altitude is a haven of calm with colored mood lighting and offers holistic treatments.

Hotel Spedition Thun

Once home to a cheese, fur, and leather-trading company, the utterly stunning Hotel Spedition Thun pays homage to its 19th-century past with 120-year-old exposed oak beams that are juxtaposed with mid-20th-century design. Set in the Swiss city of Thun, with its sweeping Alpine views and inviting lake, Spedition uses earth tones, wood, cotton, and linen to create a cozy retreat. In the atmospheric wine cellar, guests can enjoy fine wines and take a cooking course, or experience culinary delights in the hotel's fusion-cuisine restaurant.

Cervo Mountain Resort

Surrounded by the rugged beauty of Zermatt, Cervo is a gateway to the mystical mountain world of the Alps. With a deeply rooted sense for the extraordinary, and authentic hospitality as its guiding light, Cervo invites its guests to explore within and without. Its timeless modern design is inspired by the colors and elements of nature in Zermatt. Cervo's three restaurants cover a wide variety of culinary traditions while remaining true to one principle: sincere service and the pleasure of hosting guests and visitors.

The Omnia

Perched high on a mountain in Zermatt, the Omnia offers a timeless tasteful sensibility with midcentury modernist pieces, where no two rooms are the same. Original furnishings, exquisite craftsmanship, and environmentally conscious design make this an authentic and comfortable retreat. At the hotel restaurant, guests can discover local Alpine and seasonal tastes, often presented with a twist and the flavorful nuances of faraway places. Unwind at the hotel's extensive wellness center with views of the village and the stunning Matterhorn.

The Bank Hotel Istanbul

Set amid the impressive glory of Istanbul's financial district, yet convenient to the bohemian Pera quarter and the historic Sultanahmet neighborhood, The Bank Hotel Istanbul is a magical mixture of contrasting worlds. Housed in two neo-Renaissance buildings dating from 1863, the hotel is a showcase for contemporary design and art, with an in-house curator to select artwork and organize cultural events. Original features, such as marble staircases and fireplaces and ceramic tiles, are augmented by custom lighting fixtures and modern furniture.

Gezi Hotel Bosphorus

Gezi Hotel Bosphorus' gently curved façade seems to hold Istanbul in a tender embrace. The hotel's guestrooms offer priceless views of the Bosphorus, Taksim Gezi Park, or the property's own garden. Like materials combine with a contemporary design ethos to provide a homey atmosphere. A quiet refuge mere steps from Istanbul's bustling Taksim Square, the green-certified Gezi Hotel Bosphorus offers first-class conference facilities, a relaxing hammam and spa, and a vibrant restaurant with sweeping channel views.

Thun
15 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Styl Trampoli AB



Zermatt
60 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
MLS Architekten,
Dresnate



Zermatt
30 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Ali Tayar (Rohr Design Partners)



Istanbul
62 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Han Tümenler,
Sinan Kafadar
(Mesa Design Group)



Istanbul
67 Rooms
Architecture & Interior:
Sinan Kafadar
(Mesa Design Group)

